AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF
MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of subtitle B of title XII of division A of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 12xx. PLAN WITH TIMEFRAME FOR ACCELERATED
TRANSITION OF UNITED STATES FORCES
FROM AFGHANISTAN AND PLAN WITH TIME-
FRAME FOR ACCELERATED TALKS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

(a) Plan With Timeframe for Accelerated Transition of U.S. Forces From Afghanistan.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall transmit to Congress a plan with a timeframe and completion date for the accelerated transition of United States military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan (including operations involving military and security-related contractors).

(b) Plan With Timeframe for Accelerated Talks With the Government of Afghanistan.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall transmit to Congress a plan with
a timeframe to pursue and conclude negotiations leading
to a political settlement and reconciliation of the internal
conflict in Afghanistan. Such negotiations will include the
Government of Afghanistan, all interested parties within
Afghanistan, and with the observance and support of rep-
resentatives of donor nations active in Afghanistan.

(c) National Intelligence Estimate on Al-
Qaeda.—The Director of National Intelligence shall sub-
mit to the President and Congress a new National Intel-
ligence Estimate on the leadership, locations, and capabili-
ties of al-Qaeda and its affiliated networks and cells. Such
National Intelligence Estimate shall be submitted as soon
as is practicable, but not later than the end of the 90-
day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this
Act.

(d) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in this sec-
tion shall be construed so as to limit or prohibit any au-
thority of the President to—

(1) attack al Qaeda forces wherever such forces
are located;

(2) gather, provide, and share intelligence with
United States allies operating in Afghanistan and
Pakistan; or

(3) modify the military strategy, tactics, and
operations of the United States Armed Forces as
such Armed Forces redeploy from Afghanistan pursuant to the accelerated transition timeframe and completion date developed under subsection (a).